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SUBJECT: MAURITANIA BACKS GUATEMALA FOR UNSC SEAT

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(C) MFA Secretary General Mohamed Lemine Ould Moulaye Zeine told charge October 17 that the MFA had given instructions to its UN representative to vote for Guatemala for the GRULAC UNSC seat, and will send further instructions to continue to vote for Guatemala "until it is over." He said that FM Ahmed Ould Sid'Ahmed had committed Mauritania's vote for Guatemala to NSC Senior Director for Africa Bobby Pittman during their telephone conversation last week, and that commitment still stands.
Koutsis